

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GEORGE GOLIE**, on March 10, 2005 at 3:10 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. George Golie, Chairman (D)
Rep. Paul Clark, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Scott Sales, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)
Rep. Dee L. Brown (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Roger Koopman (R)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Bill Warden (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Larry Jent (D)
Rep. John Balyeat (R)
Rep. Art Noonan (D)

Staff Present: Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 126, 3/3/2005; SB 221, 3/3/2005;
SB 223, 3/3/2005; SB 298, 3/3/2005
Executive Action: HB 487; HB 514

HEARING ON SB 221

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:06 SEN. GREGORY BARKUS (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 221, Create nonresident student fishing & hunting combo license.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:43 Robin Cunningham, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association
00:05:24 Jessica Grennan, Associated Students of University of Montana
00:06:06 Connie Summers, representing Montana State University ~ Billings

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:07:42 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

EXHIBIT(fih53a01)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:22 REP. WARD
00:12:24 REP. KOOPMAN
00:16:34 REP. GROESBECK
00:17:37 REP. BROWN
00:20:49 REP. WARDEN
00:21:52 REP. CLARK
00:26:05 REP. WARD
00:29:01 CHAIRMAN GOLIE

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:22 SEN. GREGORY BARKUS (R) closed the hearing on SB 221.

HEARING ON SB 223

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:31:50 SEN. GREGORY BARKUS (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 223, Revise law on recreational use of state land.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:29 Tom Schultz, Administrator, Trust Land Management
Division, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:05 REP. FACEY

00:39:45 REP. CLARK

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:01 SEN. GREGORY BARKUS (R) closed hearing on SB 223.

HEARING ON SB 126

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:41:42 SEN. JOHN BRUEGGEMAN (R), SD 6, opened the hearing
on SB 126, Revise boating registration laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:43:44 Kathy Deder Frazier, Yacht Basin Marina, Canyon
Ferry

00:46:23 Dean Culwell, Montana boater

00:48:28 Bob Gilbert, Executive Director, Walleyes
Unlimited of Montana

00:49:06 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Montana Fish,
Wildlife & Parks

[EXHIBIT](#)(fih53a02)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:30 CHAIRMAN GOLIE

00:54:34 REP. GROESBECK

00:57:43 REP. KOOPMAN

01:02:43 REP. CLARK

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:17 SEN. JOHN BRUEGGEMAN (R) closed the hearing on
SB 126.

01:06:42 Break
01:18:10 Resume

HEARING ON SB 298

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:18:28 **SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA (D), SD 13**, opened the hearing on **SB 298**, Clarify fish production at & planting of fish from Fort Peck warm water hatchery.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:19:27 Bob Gilbert, Executive Director, Walleyes Unlimited of Montana
01:23:49 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

EXHIBIT(fih53a03)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:26:26 **REP. CLARK**
EXHIBIT(fih53a04)
01:31:35 **REP. FACEY**
01:35:44 **REP. KOOPMAN**

Closing by Sponsor:

01:39:52 **SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA (D)**, closed the hearing on **SB 298**.
EXHIBIT(fih53a05)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 514

01:43:47 **Motion:** **REP. DRISCOLL** moved that **HB 514 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:44:00 **REP. COHENOUR**
01:44:29 **REP. WARDEN**
01:44:53 **CHAIRMAN GOLIE**

01:45:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-3 by voice vote with **REPS. BROWN, EVERETT**, and **KOOPMAN** voting no and **REPS. BALYEAT, MILBURN, ROBERTS** and **NOONAN** voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 487

01:46:57 **Motion:** REP. COHENOUR moved that HB 487 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:47:07 REP. BROWN

[EXHIBIT](#)(fih53a06)

01:47:59 **Motion:** REP. FACEY moved that HB 487 BE AMENDED.

[EXHIBIT](#)(fih53a07)

Discussion:

01:51:20 REP. FACEY

01:53:22 REP. BROWN

01:53:52 Doug Sternberg, Legislative Services Division

01:54:26 REP. CLARK

01:56:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:56:31 **Motion:** REP. FACEY moved that HB 487 DO PASS AS
AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:56:40 REP. JENT

01:58:05 REP. KOOPMAN

01:59:12 REP. CLARK

02:00:32 REP. COHENOUR

02:02:02 REP. CLARK

02:02:48 CHAIRMAN GOLIE

02:03:23 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-11 by roll call vote with
REPs. BECKER, BROWN, CLARK, COHENOUR, DRISCOLL,
FACEY, HAMILTON, NOONAN, and ROBERTS voting aye
and REPS. BALLYEAT, ROBERTS, MILBURN and NOONAN
voting by proxy.

02:04:34 **Motion/Vote:** REP. FACEY moved that HB 487 BE
TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. Motion carried by
voice vote.

02:06:20

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:20 P.M.

REP. GEORGE GOLIE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fih53aad0.PDF](#))